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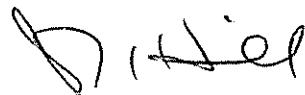
RE: Cisneros vs. Sgt. Curtin, et al., #C 07 02788 (JCS)
 Case Management Conference January 18, 2008 1:30 pm

Dear Magistrate Judge Spero:

This letter is written for the purposes of seeking the Court's permission to allow my co-counsel in this matter Michael P. Guta to appear to the Case Management Conference scheduled on the above-mentioned date and time. Mr. Guta has been employed by my office for the past 20 years and is readily familiar with this action and will be prepared to answer whatever questions asked of this case. The reason that I cannot attend the conference is that I am scheduled to appear at an expert deposition in another matter for which trial is scheduled to commence on the 25th of January and I cannot re-schedule the expert deposition as I am informed that there is no other time before trial to do this deposition. I would be prepared to appear at a rescheduled Case Management Conference.

Thank you for your courtesy.

Respectfully,



John E. Hill

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 cc Matthew Orebic

Dated: Jan. 15, 2008

